

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG No. 678-R

Petition of Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc.)
to amend its Certificate of Public Good to)
reflect a name change)

Order entered: 9/18/2009

**ORDER AMENDING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD
TO REFLECT NAME CHANGE**

I. INTRODUCTION

On January 16, 2002, Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (the "Company" or "Petitioner") received a Certificate of Public Good (CPG No. 678-R), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 231, to provide intrastate telecommunications services throughout Vermont.

On May 1, 2009, the Company filed a petition ("Petition") with the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") requesting that its CPG be amended to reflect a change in corporate name to Verizon Long Distance LLC. As part of its Petition, the Company also filed a Certificate of Organization from the Vermont Secretary of State for Verizon Long Distance LLC.

On September 2, 2009, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") filed a letter with the Board recommending that the Board approve the Company's request without the need for hearings or investigation.

The Board, having reviewed the Company's Petition and the other materials it filed, agrees that an amended CPG should be issued. As a result, newspaper publication is not required prior to issuance of the amended CPG. 30 V.S.A. §§ 102(a), 231(a).

Based upon the Company's Petition and accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings.

II. FINDINGS

1. The Company was issued CPG No. 678-R on January 16, 2002, to provide telecommunications services in Vermont. *See* CPG No. 678-R.

2. As of May 1, 2009, the Company had received and filed with the Board all documents necessary to effect a corporate name change to Verizon Long Distance LLC. Petition and

Attachments.

3. The proposed name change will not have any impact upon the services provided to the Company's customers. Petition.

III. DISCUSSION

30 V.S.A. § 231(a) provides that the Board may amend or revoke any CPG for good cause, after an opportunity for hearing. Since there is no controversy surrounding the Company's name change, it follows that good cause exists to amend the Company's CPG to reflect the new name of the holder of the certificate. As for whether a hearing is necessary, we conclude that it is not. First, there is no genuine issue of material fact as to whether the Company's CPG should be amended and, consequently, under V.R.C.P. 56, a hearing is unnecessary. Second, the Petitioner has asked that the CPG be amended, and the DPS has recommended that the Petition be approved without hearing. Finally, 30 V.S.A. § 231(a) requires only the opportunity for a hearing, thus acknowledging that a hearing is not always necessary prior to amendment.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

1. The CPG held by Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. should be amended to reflect the new name of the certificate-holder: Verizon Long Distance LLC.

V. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The Certificate of Public Good that was issued to Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. on January 16, 2002, shall be amended to reflect the new name of the holder of the certificate: Verizon Long Distance LLC.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of September, 2009.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: September 18, 2009

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.